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SUBJECT: MFA AMERICAS DIRECTOR BOGDAN SUGGESTS
DISCUSSION OF U.S./ROMANIAN CULTURAL/
SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. AMBASSADOR CORNELIU BOGDAN, DIRECTOR OF
DIRECTORATE V (AMERICAS), MFA, TELEPHONED THIS
MORNING TO INVITE ME TO ANOTHER IN SERIES OF
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR
RELATIONSHIP, WHICH HE INAUGURATED SHORTLY AFTER
ASUMING HIS POSITION. THE SUGGESTED TOPIC THIS
TIME WOULD BE OUR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE
PROGRAM. I INFORMED AMBASSADOR BOGDAN THAT I WOULD
CALL BACK ON MONDAY TO RESPOND TO HIS PROPSAL.

2. THUS FAR, MY DISCUSSIONS IN THIS CONTEXT WITH
AMBASSADOR BOGDAN ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS OUR ECONOMIC/
COMMERICAL RELATIONSHIP HAVE BEEN NOTABLY PRODUCTIVE
IN IMPROVING OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS
AND PROSPECTS WHICH WE CONFRONT IN THESE AREAS.
I BELIEVE DISCUSSION OF OUR CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC
EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL BE SIMILARLY PRODUCTIVE,
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AND I PROPOSE TO ACCEPT HIS INVITATION.

3. AMBASSADOR BOGDAN MENTIONED THAT AT OUR
MEETING, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS
CONCERNING NEW NSF/NCST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.
IN ORDER TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO AMBASSADOR BOGDAN'S
INITIATIVE, I REQUEST SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING STATE OF PLAY ON OUR SIDE
WITH RESPECT TO NEW NSF/NCST MOU.

4. IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT OTHER THAN SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY SECTION (2) OF OUR OVERALL AGREEMENT,
ONLY QUESTION OUTSTANDING IS THAT OF FUNDING FOR
UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, THERE
MAY BE OTHER TOPICS WHICH USICA MAY WISH ME TO
BROACH. ADVISE.
AGGREY

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